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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 542
By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ed Jefferies, Pastor of the Trinity Assembly of God Church and Johnson City Police Bureau Chaplain.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to acknowledge the contributions made by inspirational ministers who faithfully serve God by serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Edward T. Jefferies, Pastor of the Trinity Assembly of God Church and the highly regarded Chaplain of the Johnson City Police Bureau, is unquestionably one such outstanding individual; and

WHEREAS, born on September 30, 1940, in Baltimore, Maryland, Pastor Jefferies graduated from Parkville High School in Baltimore in 1958 and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology and History from the Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God, in 1973, graduating Magna Cum Laude and was a member of Delta Epsilon Chi; and

WHEREAS, his first pastorate was at the Elden, North Carolina Assembly of God Church, from 1972-1976. He was ordained in August, 1974; and

WHEREAS, since May, 1976, Pastor Jefferies has served as minister at Trinity Assembly of God, preaching the Word of God; and

WHEREAS, under his astute guidance, Trinity has grown in membership; and

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WHEREAS, a beloved and respected citizen, he also counsels police officers who have wounded or killed others in the line of duty, officers whose needs are sometimes, regretfully forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jefferies has even generously contributed of his time and talents to conduct funeral services for police department canines; and

WHEREAS, following in the best traditions of the Volunteer State, he is an active and loyal member of the International Conference of Police Chaplains, holding a Master certification, serving as Chairman of the Continuing Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jefferies is also a valued member of the Conference of the Federation of Fire Chaplains, the East Tennessee Law Enforcement Executive Council, serves as Chaplain of the Knoxville Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and as Chaplain of the Police Bureau Hostage Negotiation Team; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Jefferies is fortunate to have the love and support of his wife, the former Marline Spears; their marriage has been blessed with four successful children, each of whom has graduated from college with honors; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to acknowledge the numerous contributions made by Pastor Jefferies to his church and the people of Johnson City; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Pastor Ed Jefferies and wish him much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.